



Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter

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MSU Youth Horsemanship School

The Montana State University Youth Horsemanship School has been developed to provide Montana Youth with useful equine information and skill development. The goals are to increase horsemanship skills, provide knowledge and incentive to be a more effective rider/horse unit and provide an enjoyable and effective educational experience. The date for this year's school will be June 25-June 29, 2007 and the cost is \$290 per student (Includes lodging, meals, and stalls). **Only the first 50 students will be admitted to the 2007 Youth Horsemanship School. Because of the popularity of the School, it will probably fill up quickly. We advise that if you are interested in attending, to send in your application and registration fee as soon as possible. Contact the 4-H office for application.**

Scholarships Available: The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leader's Council is providing scholarships for 4-H members wanting to attend the Youth Horsemanship School. The amount of each scholarship will be determined by the number of applications received. To apply, please write a letter detailing why you want to attend the camp and submit your letter to the 4-H office by April 11th.

Public Presentation Day 2007 Encourage Your Club Members to Participate

Public Presentation Day (Demo Day) is an opportunity for 4-H members to present to an audience an aspect of what they have learned in 4-H. Speeches or demonstrations can be as short as 5 minutes plus questions. 4-Hers may present any area of their 4-H experience and will have a small audience including one or two judges.

This year's date is set for April 10, 2007 for 14 year old and up and April 12, 2007 for 13 year old & under at the Belgrade Middle School at 5:30 PM-8 PM. Presentations spots are available every 15 minutes beginning at 5:30 p.m. A short awards ceremony will be held immediately following the presentations and prizes will be given to participants and the club with the greatest percentage of members competing.

There are several divisions for presenters. Cloverbuds may participate in the 6-8 year old group, but are not judged or placed. Members who are 9-10 years old have two brackets in which to enter. Those giving their first ever demonstration at the county level will be judged separately than those giving their second demonstration.

The next age division is for 11-13 year olds. At this level, presenters have their choice of doing a speech or giving a demonstration. Experienced presenters are again separated from those with no experience.

Older teens, 14-19 years old, may also choose to delivery either a speech or demonstration which should be anywhere between 7 to 20 minutes long. The first place winner receives an all expense paid trip to Montana 4-H Congress where they may compete at the state level.

The experience young people receive from this event is tremendous. They become more confident, learn communication skills, and discover where they can improve. The entry form for this event is inserted in this newsletter. More are available in the Extension Office by calling 388-3213. You may reserve your time slot over the phone.



Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting

The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Bring a couple dollars for your meal. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 13, 2007.